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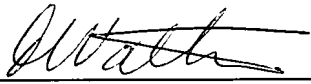
Dear Sir:

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Regarding the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided on page 8 of the Notice of Allowability dated May 23, 2008, the Applicants note that all of the features explicitly noted in the Statement of Reasons would not necessarily be required to demonstrate patentability of the claimed subject matter. It is also to be noted that the Applicants in no way concede that the type of subject matter identified in the Statement of Reasons as alleged closest prior art is pertinent to the claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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